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25X1 "6. [ ] We were informed by Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, that Chairman Hebert agreed with the suggestion of Chairman Nedzi, of the Intelligence Subcommittee, that it would be a good idea to have the Director appear in open session regarding classification and security of Government documents. After consulting with the Director I explained to Slatinshek the very serious problems such a suggestion created. Slatinshek said he appreciated these problems, but argued that Nedzi and Hebert felt under very heavy pressure from Committee members and others to conduct open hearings on the subject, and believed the Director uniquely qualified to appear. Slatinshek said that if this pressure was not turned aside by the kind of "controlled" hearing they proposed it might break out in uncontrolled form elsewhere and cause serious problems for us all. We ended up agreeing that an early personal meeting between the Director and the Chairman would be desirable.

After checking with the Director I called Chairman Nedzi and made a date for the Director to meet with the Chairman at 10:30 on Friday morning, 21 January, in room 2418 Rayburn Building.

ADDENDUM TO OLC JOURNAL

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25X1 "6. [ ] Received a call from Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that he had talked to Chairman Hebert this morning and briefed him on Mr. Maury's meeting with him and Representative Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) yesterday afternoon. Mr. Slatinshek told me that Chairman Hebert "also feels that this will be a good opportunity for the Director to appear in open session and speak to this problem since the Committee will be dealing only with the administrative problems in the security classification and not the substantive information itself." I thanked Mr. Slatinshek for the call."

/s/  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Office of Legislative Counsel  
SUBJECT: H.R. 9853

1. Reference is made to the proposed memorandum to Congressman F. Edward Hebert concerning Subject which was forwarded by official routing slip dated 17 January 1972.

2. While we do not relish an examination of our procedures by a tripartite commission, we have no basis for an objection to the Bill from a Security standpoint.

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Director of Security

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